

1 **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**
2 **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CURSOR APPLIED PROCESSING**
3 **WITHIN A DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM**

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5 A method and system for efficiently executing a predefined
6 process within a data processing system having multiple objects and a
7 movable cursor element displayed therein. A user defined executable
8 process is specified within the data processing system which may be applied
9 to one or more arbitrary objects within the data processing system. The user
10 defined executable process is then associated with the movable cursor within
11 the data processing system. Thereafter, each time an object is graphically
12 selected within the data processing system utilizing the movable cursor, the
13 user defined executable process is applied to the selected object. The
14 physical appearance of the movable cursor is preferably altered to indicate
15 the association of the user defined executable process with the movable
16 cursor and an error message is returned in response to a selection of an
17 object which cannot be processed utilizing the user defined executable
18 process.

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